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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1570

Introduced by Assembly Member Salas

March 16, 2009

An act to add and repeal Section 1620 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to dentistry, *and making an appropriation therefor.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1570, as amended, Salas. Malpractice insurance: volunteer dentists.

Under existing law, the Dental Practice Act, the Dental Board of California is responsible for the licensure and regulation of dentists. ~~Licensure fees imposed upon dentists are deposited into the State Dentistry Fund for the purposes of administering the act and are subject to appropriation by the Legislature~~ *Existing law provides for the Dental Corps Loan Repayment Program of 2002 in the Dental Board of California and the Dentally Underserved Account in the State Dentistry Fund for loan repayments to dentists serving in underserved areas.*

This bill would require the board, in conjunction with the Health Professions Education Foundation, to study the issue of its providing malpractice insurance for dentists who provide these services and report its findings to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2012. *The bill would authorize the board to contract with an independent entity to conduct the study.* The bill would ~~make implementation of its provisions contingent on an appropriation of funds for that purpose, as specified~~ *authorize the board to expend funds from the Dentally Underserved Account to fund the study. By authorizing the expenditure of those funds for a new purpose, the bill would make an appropriation.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: ~~no~~ yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1620 is added to the Business and
- 2 Professions Code, to read:
- 3 1620. (a) The board, in conjunction with the Health Professions
- 4 Education Foundation, shall study the issue of its providing
- 5 malpractice insurance to dentists who provide voluntary, unpaid
- 6 services, and report its findings to the Legislature on or before
- 7 January 1, 2012.
- 8 (b) The report shall include, but not be limited to, a discussion
- 9 of the following items:
- 10 (1) The cost of administering a program to provide malpractice
- 11 insurance to the dentists and the process for administering the
- 12 program.
- 13 (2) The options for providing malpractice insurance to the
- 14 dentists and for funding the coverage.
- 15 ~~(e) This section shall be implemented only after the Legislature~~
- 16 ~~has made an appropriation from the State Dentistry Fund to fund~~
- 17 ~~the study.~~
- 18 (c) *The board may expend funds from the Dentally Underserved*
- 19 *Account, established pursuant to Article 9.5 (commencing with*
- 20 *Section 1970), to fund the study.*
- 21 (d) *The board may contract with an independent entity to*
- 22 *conduct the study.*
- 23 ~~(d) (1) A~~

1 *(e) (1) The* report to be submitted pursuant to subdivision (a)
2 shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the
3 Government Code.

4 (2) Pursuant to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code, this
5 section is repealed on January 1, 2016.

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